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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jeng H. Hwang et al.

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1765

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§ EXAMINER: S. Ahmed

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FOR: PLASMA HEATING OF A SUBSTRATE WITH
SUBSEQUENT HIGH TEMPERATURE ETCHING

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AMENDMENT "C"

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

This Amendment "C" is in response to the final Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, and in response to the Advisory Action mailed August 1, 2003. This Amendment "C" is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114, which RCE is being submitted prior to the end of the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action.

Claims 1 - 57 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 57 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,323,132, to Hwang et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,094,334, to Bedi et al.

Please amend the application as follows: